

HB 2085 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that discarded tires in unauthorized dump sites pose a health and safety risk to the public. Many of these tire piles have been in existence for a significant amount of time and are a continuing challenge to state and local officials responsible for cleaning up unauthorized dump sites and preventing further accumulation of waste tires.

Declares an intent to document the extent of the problem, create and fund an effective program to eliminate unauthorized tire piles, and minimize potential future problems and costs.

Creates the waste tire removal account in the state treasury. All receipts from tire fees imposed under RCW 70.95.510 must be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account may be spent only after appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used for the cleanup of unauthorized waste tire piles and measures that prevent future accumulation of unauthorized waste tire piles.

Provides that any person who transports or stores waste tires without a license in violation of RCW 70.95.555 is liable for the costs of cleanup of any and all waste tires transported or stored.

Declares that no person or business, having legally transferred possession of waste tires to a licensed transporter or storer of waste tires or to a permitted recycler, has any further liability related to the waste tires legally transferred.

Appropriates the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, from the general fund to the office of financial management to reimburse the department of ecology to complete the study in this act.